

The History of

*Fal.* You rogue, heeres lime in this sacke too, there is nothing but rogerie to be found in villanous man, yet a coward is worle then a cup of sack with lime in it. A villanous coward, Go thy waies old sacke, die whe thou wilt, if māhood, good māhood be not forgot vpon the face of the earth, then am I a shotten herring: there liues not three good men vnhangd in England, & one of them is fat, & growes old, God helpe the while, a bad world I say, I would I were a weauer, I could sing psalmes, or any thing. A plague of al cowards, I say still.

*Prin.* How now, Wollack. what matter you?

*Fal.* A kings son: if I do not beat thee out of thy kingdome with a dagger of lath, & driue all thy subiectes afore thee like a flock of wildegeese, Ile neuer weare haire on my face more, you Prince of Wales.

*Prin.* Why you horsen round man, whats the matter?

*Fal.* Are you not a coward? answer me to that, and Poines there.

*Poin.* Zounds yee fat paunch, and ye cal me coward, by the Lord, Ile itab thee.

*Fal.* I call thee coward? Ile see thee damnde ere I call thee coward, but I would giue a thousand pounce I could runne as fast as thou canst. You are straight enough in the sholders, you care not who sees your backe: call you that backing of your friendes? a plague vpon such backing: giue mee them that will face me; giue me a cup of sacke. I am a rogue if I drunke to day.

*Prin.* O villaine, thy lips are scarce wipt since thou drunke it last.

*Fal.* All's one for that.

*He drinketh.*

A plague of al cowards stil say I.

*Prin.* Whats the matter?

*Fal.* Whats the matter? here be foure of vs haue tane a thousand pound this morning.

*Prin.* Where is it? lacke, where is it?

*Fal.* Where is it? taken from vs it is; a hundred vpon poore foure of vs.

*Prin.* What a hundred man?

*Fal.* I am a rogue, if I were not at halfe sword, with a dozen of them two houres together. I haue scaped by myracle. I am eight times thrust through the doublet, four through the hose,

my

Henry the fourth.

my buckler cut through and through, my sword ha hand-saw: ecce signum. I neuer dealt better since I was would not doe. A plague of al cowards, let them speak speake more or lesse then truth, they are villaines, & th of darknelle.

*Gad.* Speake, sirs, how was it?

*Ross.* We foure set vpon some dozen.

*Falst.* Sixteene, at least, my Lord.

*Ross.* And bound them.

*Peto.* No, no, they were not bound.

*Fal.* Yourogue they were bound, every man of th ama lew else, and I brew lew.

*Ross.* As we were sharing, some 6 or 7 fresh mē f

*Fal.* And vnbound the rest, and then come in the o

*Prince.* What, fought yee with them all?

*Fal.* All? I know not what yee call all: but if I fo with fifty of them, I am a bunch of radish: if there two or three and fifty vpon poore old lacke, then am leg'd creature.

*Prince.* Pray God, you haue not murdered some o

*Fal.* Nay, that's past praing for, I haue pepper thē. Two I am sure I haue paved, two rogues in buckr I tel thee what, Hal, if I tell thee a lie, spitte in my fac horse: thou knowest my olde warde: here I lay, and th my point; foure rogues in buckrom let driue at me.

*Prin.* What, foure? thou said'st but two, euen now.

*Fal.* Foure, Hal, I told thee foure.

*Poin.* I, I, he said foure.

*Fal.* These foure came all afront, and mainly thru I made no more adoe, but tooke al their seuen points get, thus.

*Prin.* Seuen? why there were but foure euen now.

*Fal.* In buckrom.

*Poin.* I, foure, in buckrom suites.

*Fal.* Seuen, by these hiltes, or I am a villaine else.

*Prin.* Prethee let him alone, we shal haue more ano

*Fal.* Doe'st thou heare me Hal?

*Prin.* I, and marke thee too, lacke.